

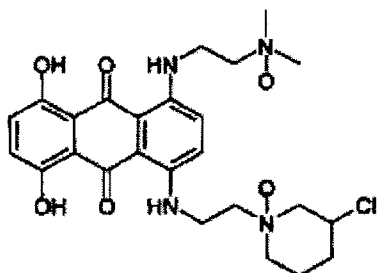
REMARKS

Claims 1-16, 18-29, 37-43 are pending. Claims 17, 30-36 are canceled above. The cancellation of Claims 30-36 is without prejudice or disclaimer to their presentation in one or more divisional applications, as directed to non-elected subject matter.¹ Claims 20-22, 43 are amended. Claim 20 is amended into form more usual for United States practice; relatedly, claim 17 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Independent Claim 20 having been amended, dependent claims 21-23, 43 are correspondingly amended.

In response to the restriction requirement in the office action, Applicants elect Group 1, with traverse.

Referring to the aspect of the restriction requirement in which Groups 3 and 5 are separately grouped from Group 1, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider this aspect of the restriction requirement. The Examiner suggests that the special technical features are the anthraquinone and/or cyclic amine nuclei. The Examiner seems to have misunderstood that the essential technical feature is that the anthraquinone compound of general formula I must have at least one cyclic amine group containing substituent and this in turn has a narrow meaning. This combination of features is common to, for instance, claims 1, 24, as well as use claims. For this reason, we respectfully submit that the restriction requirement should not be maintained between groups 1, 3 and 5. Rejoinder of groups 3 and 5 in this application is respectfully sought.

In response to the requirement contained in the office action for an election of species, Applicants elect the compound synthesized in Example 31 and having as its structure:



Prodrax 1

¹ Applicants respectfully reserve the right to traverse the aspect of the restriction requirement establishing Claims 30-36 into two groups, namely Groups 2 and 4.

This is the compound of formula I in which:

R^3 and R^4 are OH (i.e. X^1 where each X^1 is OH)

R^1 is a group of formula II in which

R^6 is ethyl

m is 1

n is 2

R^7 is X^2 where X^2 is Cl

R^8 , R^9 (each) and R^0 are all H

R^2 is: in which R^0 is ethyl, each R^8 is methyl.



The following claims from Group 1 read on the elected species: Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 (option ii) X^3 is Cl), 18, 19 and 40.

The following claims from Group 3 read on the elected species: Claims 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.

The following claims from Group 5 read on the elected species: Claims 20, 21, 22, 23, 38, 42 and 43.

Please proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary E. Goulet

Reg. No. 35,884

WHITHAM CURTIS
CHRISTOFFERSON & COOK, P.C.
11491 Sunset Hills Rd., Suite 340
Reston, VA 20190
Tel. 703-787-9400